

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 1. (original) A mounting frame for securing a baby seat
2 in a motor vehicle that is provided with special-duty baby-seat
3 anchors near a vehicle seat and solidly connected with the vehicle
4 frame and/or the vehicle seat, characterized in that the mounting
5 frame (3 or 13) has a mounting part (23) provided at one end with
6 retaining elements (24) for releasable connection of the mounting
7 frame (3 or 13) to the fixed vehicle baby-seat anchors (5) and at
8 the other end with a brace part (8) that is braced forward of the
9 vehicle seat on the vehicle floor (4) or on the frame and that in
10 the installed condition of the mounting frame extends at an acute
11 angle forward and downward.

1 2. (original) The mounting frame according to claim 1,
2 characterized in that the brace part (8) forms with the vertical an
3 angle of 10° to 15°.

1 3. (currently amended) The mounting frame according to
2 claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the mounting part (23) is
3 provided with latch elements (12 and 18) that fit with latch
4 elements (10 and 17) carried on the baby seat.

1 4. (currently amended) The mounting frame according to
2 ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that with a mounting
3 frame for a backward-facing baby seat the mounting part (23) has
4 when installed a generally horizontal mounting leg (23a) and a
5 rearwardly downwardly inclined anchor part (23b) that are prefera-
6 bly reinforced with a brace plate (26), the mounting leg (23a)
7 being connected via a fixable pivot (25) for bracing against the
8 back (7) of the motor-vehicle seat with an upwardly angled rear
9 brace bow (11).

1 5. (currently amended) The mounting frame according to
2 ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the
3 retaining elements (24) are movable by connector rods (28) out of
4 engagement with the vehicle-fixed baby-seat anchors (5).

1 6. (original) The mounting frame according to claim 5,
2 characterized in that the handle (30) is provided with an indicator
3 (31) that shows the released or latched condition of the retaining
4 element (24) by showing the position of the handle (30) relative to
5 the mounting frame.

1 7. (currently amended) The mounting frame according to
2 claim 5 [[or 6]], characterized in that the connector rods (28)
3 extend in longitudinal elements and a transverse rod (29) extends
4 in a rear transverse strut (32) of the mounting part (23) of the
5 mounting frame, the handle (30) projecting out of the transverse
6 strut (32).

1 8. (currently amended) A child restraint device with a
2 baby seat for motor vehicles provided with special-duty baby-seat
3 anchors on a vehicle seat and solidly connected with the vehicle
4 frame and/or the vehicle seat, characterized in that the baby seat
5 (1) is releasably anchored to a mounting frame (3 or 13) according
6 to ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 and engaged over a motor-vehicle
7 seat.

1 9. (currently amended) The child restraint device
2 according to claim 8 ~~and one of claims 3 to 7~~, characterized in
3 that the baby seat comprises a mounting device that releasably
4 attaches to the mounting frame (3 or 13) and that is provided with
5 at least one latch element (10 or 17) that is movable between a
6 freeing position and a latched position and that can be fitted in
7 the freeing position into the latch elements (12 and 18) fixed on
8 the mounting frame and that in the locking position is movable for
9 solidly locking the baby seat with the mounting frame (3, 13) in
10 the rigid latch elements (12) of the mounting frame (3 and 13).

11 10. (original) The child restraint device according to
12 claim 9, characterized in that the mounting device has near a baby-
13 seat back wall and parallel to it when installed a horizontal latch
14 shaft (10) that is provide at least on its ends at two sides and
15 preferably along its entire length with parallel and diametrically
16 opposite flats (9), the latch shaft (10) being pivotal about its
17 longitudinal axis out of a freeing position with the flats (9)
18 generally vertical into a latched position with the flats (9)
19 generally horizontal and that the longitudinal sides of the mount-
20 ing frame are provided with two rigid lateral latch elements (12)
21 that are oriented opposite each other and that each have a vertical
22 slot (14) for an end of the latch shaft (10) and formed with a
23 lower undercut cylindrical seat (15) in which the end of the latch
24 shaft (10) can move from its freeing position into its latched
25 position.

1 11. (original) The child restraint device according to
2 claim 10, characterized in that the lateral latch elements (12) of
3 the mounting frame (3 or 13) are V-shaped and upwardly flared slots
4 (14) and the latch shaft (10) has control pins (27) that turn the
5 latch shaft (10) into the freeing position when the baby seat is
6 set on the mounting frame by engagement of the control pins (27) of
7 the latch shaft (10) on edges of the slots (14) of the latch
8 elements (12) of the mounting frame (3 or 13).

1 12. (currently amended) The child restraint device
2 according to claim 9 ~~, 10, or 11~~, characterized in that the mount-
3 ing device has near the baby-seat front edge a central latch pin
4 (17) shiftable in the vehicle longitudinal direction, carried on a
5 front strut (19) of the mounting frame (3 or 13), and having a
6 longitudinally open hole (20) in which the latch pin (17) is
7 longitudinally engageable to solidly lock the car seat (1) with the
8 mounting frame (3 or 13).

1 13. (currently amended) The child restraint device
2 according to ~~one of claims 9 to 10~~ claim 9, characterized in that
3 the mounting device has an actuating device (22) for the latch
4 element (10 or 17) by means of which all of the latch elements (10
5 and 17) are shiftable into their respective latched position when
6 the baby seat is fully fitted to the mounting frame (3 or 13).

1 14. (currently amended) The child restraint device
2 according to ~~claims 10, 12, and 13 and if necessary to claim 11~~
3 claim 10, characterized in that the actuating device is provided
4 with one and preferably two knobs (22) provided at ends of the
5 latch shaft and serving to rotate the latch shaft (10) as well as a
6 longitudinally extending rigid crank arm (21) that couples the
7 latch shaft (10) with the latch pin (17) and that converts a
8 rotation fo the latch shaft (10) into a sliding of the latch pin
9 (17).

10 15. (currently amended) The child restraint device
11 according to claims 13 [[or 14]], characterized in that the actuat-
12 ing device has biasing element, e.g. a weight or spring, urging the
13 latch elements (10 and 17) automatically into the latched positions
14 and by means of which installing the baby seat (1) puts them back
15 in their blocking position when the baby seat (1) is fully fitted
16 to the mounting frame (3 or 13).

1 16. (currently amended) The child restraint device
2 according to ~~one of claims 8 to 16 and one of claim 5 to 7~~ claim 8,
3 characterized in that the housing (33) of the baby seat has on its
4 side turned toward the mounting frame recesses for receiving the
5 mounting frame and in particular for receiving the handle in the
6 latched position of the mounting elements.